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**Mayor O'Connell Shares New COVID-19 State Guidelines
Governor's Order Takes Effect Nov 6**

Taunton, MA . . . Today Mayor Shaunna O'Connell shared new COVID-19 guidelines announced by Governor Baker which will take effect on Friday, November 6, 2020.

"We are all working hard to stop the spread of COVID-19. Ultimately, any success in stopping the spread will be a community effort," said O'Connell.

The Mayor's Office has implemented many initiatives designed to keep Taunton residents safe and informed. The city website has COVID-19 information continuously updated, a hotline has been established, and the Mayor shares regular video updates. In addition, the Mayor's Office works closely with all city departments to ensure they have the information and supplies necessary to continue to serve the public while following strict safety protocols.

COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations are on the rise locally and nationally. New guidelines are being implemented by Governor Baker to slow this trend as the cold weather months begin.

"The increasing number of COVID-19 cases can be attributed to a number of causes. We have all stuck together throughout this pandemic, and I trust people will make decisions based on what is right for their families and our community," said O'Connell.

Governor Baker announced new guidelines on Monday in response to the state's rising numbers. These measures will go into effect on Friday, November 6, 2020:

- stay-at-home advisory from 10pm to 5am with exceptions for work and critical errands
- early closure of certain businesses and activities by 9:30pm, including in-person restaurant dining
- face-coverings required in all public places, even while remaining 6 feet apart

For more details on the new guidelines, click here: <https://www.mass.gov/news/baker-polito-administration-announces-targeted-measures-to-curb-rising-covid-19-cases>.

For regularly updated COVID-19 news, please refer to taunton-ma.gov, mass.gov, and cdc.gov.

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